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SUBJECT: CHINDWIN RIVER DAM

- 1. A REPRESENTATIVE OF UNITED AIRCRAFT TELEPHONED THE DEPARTMENT MARCH 17 TO ASK IF WE KNEW TO WHAT BURMESE AGENCY SHOULD BIDS BE SUBMITTED BY COMPANIES WHICH WISHED TO PARTICIPATE IN A 340 MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT TO BUILD A DAM AND HYDROELECTRIC COMPLEX ON THE CHINDWIN RIVER AT TAMANTHI. UNITED AIRCRAFT'S NEWLY-ACQUIRED SUBSIDIARY, ESSEX ELECTRIC, WISHED TO BID ON THE TRANSMISSION LINE ASPECTS OF SUCH A PROJECT.
- 2. NEITHER OUR FILES NOR THOSE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON SUCH A PROJECT. THE UNITED AIRCRAFT REPRESENTATIVE SAID THAT HE HAD READ OF IT IN A TRADE MAGAZINE, BUT THE ARTICLE HAD PROVIDED NO INFORMATION AS TO THE FINANCING AGENCY OR TO WHOM BIDS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED.

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3. THE ONLY ROUGHLY SIMILAR ITEM IN THE WORLD BANK PIPE-

LINE IS AN FAO-BANK JOINT PROJECT TO BUILD A DAM AT NYAUNG GYAT IN UPPER BURMA TO WHICH IDA IS CONSIDERING MAKING 25 MILLION DOLLARS AVAILABLE.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION THE EMBASSY MIGHT HAVE ON THIS REPORTED PROJECT. INGERSOLL

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